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EXPEDITION TO BRING "FOREST BROTHERS" TO SWEDEN (1945)

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.....(i) has reported that two motor-boats put to sea on 25th December heading for the islands of OESSEL(ii) and DAGO(ii) with the object of bringing back to SWEDEN the "FOREST BROTHERS" [L'ROYE BRIT'Ys]-(iii)

(ii) groups were recoverable

Comments: (i) A....

Unidentified. This cover-name was reported in a garbled form; it probably begins with or AL.

(ii) OESSEL and DAGO : Islands now known as SAARE MA and HIIGI MA, which lie at the entrance to the Gulf of Finland.

(iii) FOREST BROTHERS : First occurrence. Many Estonians had fled SWEDEN during the war, particularly in 1944 and 1945, to escape from Soviet rule. Resistance and partisan movements were still operating in 1945 in the Baltic Soviet Republics. This cover-name would refer to refugees or members of resistance movements.

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